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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, LI

SUBJ: CIVAIR: SOVIET AIRCRAFT DEMONSTRATED IN MONROVIA

1. A SOVIET AN-30 ARRIVED AT ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REPORTEDLY FROM LIBREVILLE JANUARY 28, AND GAVE FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION TO LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. APPARENTLY GOL CIVAIR OFFICIALS HAD RECEIVED ADVANCE NOTICE THAT AN AN-24 WOULD BE PRESENTED.

2. USSR EMBOFF CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF YESTERDAY THAT AIRCRAFT WAS INDEED AN-30 (WHICH ACCORDING TO OUR COPY OF JANES IS AERIAL RECON CRAFT), AND WOULD BE IN LIBERIA UNTIL SATURDAY AS PART OF WEST AFRICAN SALEF ZOUR. SOVIET EMBOFF OPINED THAT HE DIDN'T THINK AIRCRAFT WOULD BE SOLD HERE.

3. WHEN ASKED THIS MORNING, ASST. MIN. FOR TRANSPORTATION CAMPBELL TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD TAKEN DEMO FLIGHT YESTEGDAY AFTERNOON  
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AND THAT HE SURPRISED THAT PLANE WAS FILLED WITH QTE ALL

SORTS OF CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC GADGETS AND HAD ONLY A COUPLE OF SEATS FOR PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS. UNQTE. CAMPBELL SAID SOVIET OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT IN ANOTHER VERSION, AIRCRAFT COULD BE USED FOR CARGO AND PASSENGERS. CAMPBELL INDICATED HE SOMEWHAT PUZZLED THAT SOVIETS HAD BROUGHT THIS TYPE OF AIRCRAFT HERE. HE ALSO SAID THAT GOL SECURITY TYPES HAD BEEN IN HIS OFFICE THIS MORNING TRYING TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE AIRCRAFT AND ITS PURPOSE HERE.

CAMPBELL DID NOT INDICATE IF THEY PLANNED TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER.

4. LOCAL RADIO REPORTEDLY CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT LAST NIGHT OF PRESENCE OF SOVIET RECON AIRCRAFT. EMBOFF ALSO HEARD OVERSEAS NEWS BROADCAST OF INCIDENT IN LIBREVILLE INVOLVING SOVIET AIRCRAFT, BUT UNABLE CONFIRM IF THIS SAME AIRCRAFT. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION LIBREVILLE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE.  
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